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Amendments to the Claims as follows:

1. (CANCEL)
2. (Currently Amended) The stabilizer system of Claim [[1]] 13 wherein said legs define a plurality of spaced-apart apertures.
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3. (Currently Amended) The stabilizer system of Claim [[1]] 13 further including taking means for securing said anchor member to the ground.
- 10 4. (Currently Amended) The stabilizer system of Claim [[1]] 13 wherein said staking means comprises bores in said members.
5. (Currently Amended) The stabilizer system of Claim [[1]] 13 wherein said fastener is an elongate rod having a threaded end receiving a nut.
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6. (Currently Amended) The stabilizer system of Claim [[1]] 13 wherein said legs are telescopically adjustable in length.
7. (Currently Amended) The stabilizer system of Claim [[1]] 13 wherein said U-shaped member is fabricated from steel.
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8. (Currently Amended) The stabilizer system of Claim [[1]] 13 wherein said steel is rebar.

9. (WITHDRAWN) A method of anchoring a portable structure of the type having a base with parallel spaced-apart base members to an upright structure, said method comprising:

- (a) providing aligned holes in said base members;
- (b) providing a securement member having:
 - (i) a generally U-shaped anchor member having first and second legs joined at their proximal end at a bight section and having distal ends, said U-shaped anchor member securable about a permanent upright structure;
 - (ii) the distal ends of said first and second legs defining apertures; and
 - (iii) an attachment member extendable through said legs and said bores to secure said anchor member to said portable structure;
- (c) placing said U-shaped member about said upright structure; and
- (d) securing said legs to said base members by extending said elongated fastener through said legs and said members.

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10. (WITHDRAWN) A method of anchoring a portable structure of the type having a base with parallel, spaced-apart base members to a ground surface, said method comprising:

- (a) providing aligned holes in said base members;
- 5 (b) providing a securement member having:
 - (i) a generally U-shaped anchor member having first and second legs joined at their proximal end at a bight section and having distal ends, said U-shaped anchor member securable about a permanent upright structure;
 - (ii) the distal ends of said first and second legs defining apertures; and
 - (iii) a fastener member extendable through said legs and said bores;
- 10 (c) securing said legs to said structural member by extending an elongate attachment rod through said legs and said base members; and
- 15 (d) securing said anchor member to the ground by means of a ground stake.

20 11. (CANCELED)

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12. (Currently Amended) The stabilizer system of Claim [[1]] 13 wherein said frame is provided with bores for receiving ground stakes.

13. (New) A stabilizer system for a ground supported structure having generally parallel base members spaced-apart a predetermined distance defining opposed aligned bores, said system comprising:

- (a) a generally flat, U-shaped anchor member having first and second legs joined at their proximal end at a bight section and having distal ends, said legs being spaced-apart a distance less than the predetermined distance between said base members with legs positionable on a ground surface intermediate said base members with said bight section projecting outwardly of said portable structure for securement, said anchor defining at least one vertically extending hole for receipt of a ground stake;
- (b) the distal ends of said first and second legs defining aligned apertures;
- (c) an attachment rod having opposite ends insertable through the bores in said base members and the apertures in said legs, said rod having sufficient length to project outward of said base members; and

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(d) said rod having a head on one end engaging one of said base members and a nut on the other end engaging the other base member.

5 14. (New) A stabilizer system for a ground supported structure having a base with generally parallel base members spaced-apart a predetermined distance defining opposed aligned bores, said system comprising:

10 (a) a continuous frame being of a size larger than the exterior dimension of the structure to be placed peripherally about the structure;

(b) anchors at selected locations on said frame for securement of the frame to a fixed member;

(c) said frame defining a pair of apertures oppositely positioned on said frame and aligned with one another;

15 (d) an attachment rod having sufficient length to extend between said apertures and through said bores; and

(e) said rod having ends engageable with the base members.